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SUBJ: TECHNICAL TALLOW CERTIFICATION

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1. AGATT CONFERRED WITH DIR GEN MORI, NAKAGAWA, AND YOSHIDA OF MAF TODAY (JUNE 9) TO SOLICIT REACTION TO VISIT OF APHIS/OGC FACT FINDING GROUP.

2. MORI HAS NO OBJECTION TO RECEIVING GROUP ASAP. PREFER HOWEVER THAT GROUP BEGIN JUNE 16 DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF YOSHIDA. EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE YOSHIDA CAN SEE TEAM IS PM JUNE 13.

3. PROPOSED THAT GROUP VISIT FOLLOWING PLANTS: TSUKISHIMA FOODS CO - SHORTENINGS; AND NIHON OIL AND FATS CO - SHORTENINGS AND MARGARINE.

4. ADDITIONALLY, PROPOSE THAT GROUP PAY COURTESY CALL TO DG MORI AND MEET WITH TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF JAPAN MARGARINE ASSN AS WELL AS MAF/MHW OFFICIALS.

5. MORI RAISED QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT FDA HAS BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN TALLOW ISSUE. PLEASE ADVISE.

6. PLEASE FASTO NAMES AND TITLES OF GROUP MEMBERS ASAP. ALSO CONFIRM IF TWO DAYS - JUNE 16 AND 17 - CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT

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